

REMARKS

Claims 47-51, 62-66 and 72 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 62-66 have been cancelled, and new claim 73 (which merely re-writes dependent claim 63 in independent form, incorporating all of limitations of independent claim 62 from which it depends) has been added. Claims 1-46, 52-61 and 67-71 were previously cancelled. Thus, claims 47-51 and 72-73 are currently pending after entering this amendment.

The amendment above is made after filing of the Notice of Appeal, but before the filing of the Appeal Brief. These amendments only cancel claims (pending claims 62-66) and rewrite dependent claim 63 into independent form (new claim 72), thereby presenting rejected claim 72 in better form for consideration on appeal. Thus, this amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. §41.33, as described in M.P.E.P. §1206 (I), and the Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that the pending claims are allowable.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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